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ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS
APPLY

Dear Dick:

Attached you will find two enclosures. The first is a two-page message which is to be handed to the Chinese Ambassador for the promptest transmission to Premier Chou En-lai. The second is an instruction to you for oral transmission to the Ambassador.

You will note from both enclosures that Mr. Kissinger would like to see the Chinese Ambassador on either the 25th or 26th. Hopefully, a meeting could be arranged in the Ambassador's residence before midnight on the 25th. In this case, you might proceed directly to your residence from the airport, drop off luggage and one passenger and proceed directly to the Ambassador's residence. If, however, as you mentioned on the phone, a change will have to be made as to the arrival airfield, a meeting at the residence on the afternoon of the 26th would also be acceptable as a second choice.

Concerning this weekend, option 1 or 3 would be acceptable for accommodations. The schedule for the trip includes:

Departure from Andrews	0830 local, July 25
Arrive Rhein Main	2050 local
Arrive Paris	2235 local

Since the last discussion was not precise on this issue, you will wish to confirm with the North Vietnamese that the meeting on the 26th should be at 1030 local.

Best regards,

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In line with their understanding of keeping him informed of contacts affecting the People's Republic of China, Dr. Kissinger wants to call Premier Chou En-lai's attention to the following:

(1) On July 19 the Soviet Ambassador called on Dr. Kissinger to inquire about the Peking talks. Dr. Kissinger told him that no matter concerning the Soviet Union was discussed. In reply to a question, Dr. Kissinger stated that the Chinese side expressed no concern over or interest in possible Soviet military pressures against them.

The Soviet Ambassador inquired whether the President would be prepared to visit Moscow before Peking. He was told that while the U.S. maintained its acceptance of a meeting with Soviet leaders, Presidential visits would take place in the order in which they were announced.



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(3) With respect to the message transmitted by General Walters, the Premier must understand the need to insulate Sino-U.S. relations from U.S. domestic politics. To the degree that these relations or related subjects become subject to partisan statements, the President's freedom of action is inhibited.

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(4) Dr. Kissinger will be in Paris secretly on July 25/26 and will be prepared to meet the Chinese Ambassador on that occasion to receive Premier Chou En-lai's reaction to these messages or any other matter of mutual concern.

To be put orally by Walters

It may be useful to begin discussing the technical side of the public visit Dr. Kissinger is planning to Peking for late September/early October; for example, the Chinese ideas from where the plane might originate -- is Okinawa acceptable, direct flight from Alaska, Chinese navigators, length of stay, participants at meeting, etc. The Ambassador might give the answer when he sees Dr. Kissinger.